

Our family feels betrayed and outraged at Sinclair Broadcasting's short-sighted decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just a short number of days before the election, and we find that it's is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by federal law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves like Sinclair Broadcasting, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen federal media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please take action to prevent this pure political event that Sinclair Broadcasting is attempting over the public airwaves. We think America deserves better broadcasting this pure political propaganda.

Sincerely yours,